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**REMARKS**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy extended to Applicant's representative, Larry Cullen, during a telephone interview on December 14, 2005.

During the interview, Applicant explained that limitations of "selectively performing a step of encoding a subsequent video signal ...", as recited by claim 1, and "said encoder selectively encodes a subsequent video signal segment ..." as recited by each of claims 15 and 27, are supported by the original disclosure. Applicant directed the Examiner's attention to at least the original claims and at least page 19, lns. 3-5 and page 20, lns. 6-7. The Examiner agreed with Applicant and agreed to withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 1 upon presentation of this response, which is the only rejection set forth in the above Office action.

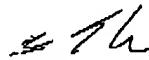
As no other issues exist in the outstanding Office action, and having fully responded to the Office action, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Should any issues arise that prevent early allowance of the above application, the examiner is invited contact the undersigned to resolve such issues.

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To the extent an extension of time is needed for consideration of this response,  
Applicant hereby request such extension and, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to  
charge deposit account number 502117 for any fees associated therewith.

Date: 12/14/05

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